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Via e-mail

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20037

Re: CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 01-92, *Ex Parte* Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 8, 2005, Terry Wegener, Ronald Strecker and myself, Board members and counsel, respectively, to the Rural Independent Competitive Alliance ("RICA"), discussed the above proceedings with Anthony Dale of the Office of Legislative Affairs. The RICA representatives discussed the associations filed positions which emphasize the unique circumstances of RICA members and the need for rules which provide the largely facilities based rural competitive local exchange carriers with the opportunity to obtain adequate levels of access revenues and universal service support in order to continue the provision of quality service in portions of rural American which have otherwise been relegated to backwater status by large carriers.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ David Cosson

Cc: Anthony Dale